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SUBJECT: REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: KUWAIT PTT
REQUEST.

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH CONGRESSMAN RICHARD HANNA (D. CALIF.) UNDERSECRETARY KUWAIT MINISTRY PTT, ABD AL-RAHMAN AL-GHUNAIM DESCRIBED PTT TRAINING CENTER WHICH GOK OPERATES WITH ASSISTANCE ITU. AL-GHUNAIM NOTED HES KEEN DESIRE TO HAVE AMERICAN WHO COULD TEACH MAINTENANCE AND CABLE CONSTRUCTION. HE SAID THAT HE HAD CORRESPONDED PREVIOUSLY WITH AT&T WHO SENT SOMEONE FROM BELL CANADA. HOWEVER, CANADIAN HAS LEFT KUWAIT AND IN ANY CASE, GHUNAIM WANTS SOMEONE WHO COULD STAY HERE FOR ONE OR TWO YEARS. HE ASKED EMBASSY TO DO WHAT IT COULD TO HELP LOCATE AMERICAN WITH APPROPRIATE QUALIFICATIONS TO COME TO KUWAIT TO TEACH AT THE PTT TRAINING CENTER. GOK, OF COURSE, WOULD PAY EXPENSES.

2. COMMENT: WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THIS IN GREAT DETAIL WITH UN OFFICIALS HERE ALTHOUGH WE HAVE MENTIONED UNDERSECRETARY'S REQUEST TO SENIOR MEMBER OF THE UNDP STAFF. OUR INITIAL REACTION IS TO SUPPORT GOK'S REQUEST BUT BEFORE PURSUING MATTER MORE FORMALLY WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE.

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SPECIFICALLY, CAN WE PROVIDE SUCH AN INDIVIDUAL AS

REQUESTED, OR, SINCE THE ITU IS INVOLVED, MUST THE
GOK WORK THROUGH THE UN? FYI: UN OFFICIALS HERE HAVE
COMPLAINED IN THE PAST AT THE SMALL NUMBER OF
AMERICAN WHO ARE INTERESTED OR AVAILABLE TO COME TO
KUWAIT IN CONNECTION WITH UN PROGRAMS. END FYI. THE
SECOND QUESTION IS WHETHER THERE IS ANY LIKELIHOOD
THAT AN AMERICAN MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS AS STATED
BY THE GOK WOULD IN FACT BE AVAILABLE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT REQUESTED ADVISE
EMBASSY REGARDING APPROPRIATE STEPS WE SHOULD FOLLOW
IN LIGHT QUESTIONS RAISED PARA 2.
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